

Union Calendar No. 377

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**H. R. 3491****[Report No. 104-710]**

To repeal the American Folklife Preservation Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 1996

Mr. THOMAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on House Oversight

JULY 26, 1996

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed[Omit the part struck through and insert the part printed in *italic*]**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REPEAL OF AMERICAN FOLKLIFE PRESERVA-**
 4 **TION ACT.**

5 Effective October 1, 1996—

6 (1) the American Folklife Center (including the
 7 Board of Trustees of the Center) in the Library of

1 Congress is abolished and the American Folklife
2 Preservation Act (20 U.S.C. 2101 et seq.) is re-
3 pealed; and

4 (2) the Librarian of Congress shall, with re-
5 spect to American folklife, carry out the functions of
6 collection, preservation, reference, and archiving as
7 part of the general operations of the Library.

8 **SEC. 2. TRANSITION PROVISIONS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—To carry out section 1, the Li-
10 brarian of Congress shall, in accordance with applicable
11 law—

12 (1) terminate contracts, dispose of property,
13 and conclude the outstanding affairs of the Amer-
14 ican Folklife Center; and

15 (2) handle all other administrative matters in
16 consequence of the repeal under section 1, including
17 matters affecting personnel, assets, liabilities, and
18 records.

19 (b) UNEXPENDED BALANCES.—Any balance of unex-
20 pended funds remaining on October 1, 1996, with respect
21 to the Act repealed by section 1 shall be available until
22 September 30, 1997, to liquidate outstanding obligations.
23 Effective October 1, 1997, any unexpended balance re-
24 maining shall be deposited in the Treasury, to be used for
25 deficit reduction.

1 (c) REPORTS.—Beginning in November 1996, the Li-
2 brarian of Congress shall, not later than the end of each
3 month, submit to the Committee on House Oversight of
4 the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules
5 and Administration of the Senate an itemized report of
6 the disposition of unexpended balances under subsection
7 (b) for the preceding month. The last such report shall
8 be submitted not later than the end of October 1997 and
9 shall contain a statement of the deposit in the Treasury
10 under the ~~third~~ *second* sentence of subsection (b).

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